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SUBJECT: LEBANON: REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH ENVOY WALTERS BY
MARONITE PATRIARCH

FROM VATICAN OFFICE

REF STATE 213413

1. MONSIGNOR EMILLIO EID FROM THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL OF THE
APOSTOLIC SEGNETURA SOUGHT OUT SARROS DURING PAST WEEKEND.
ALTHOUGH EID IS NOT CONNECTED WITH VATICAN SECRETARIAT OF
STATE OR THE VATICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY HE IS WELL KNOWN TO
OUR OFFICE. HE SAID HE WAS COMING ON BEHALF OF THE MARONITE
PATRIARCH AND WANTED TO ARRANGE A MEETING FOR THE PATRIARCH
WITH ENVOY WALTERS DURING WEEK
BEGINNING AUGUST 21 --UPON THE RETURN OF THE PATRIARCH FROM
A SEVEN DAY VISIT TO SWITZERLAND.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DEPARTMENTS VIEWS ON WHETHER IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO LISTEN TO THE PATRIARCH AND SIMPLY
REPORT WHAT HE HAS TO SAY OR IN VIEW OF STATE 203413,
WHETHER IT IS BEST TO PUT HIM OFF ON GROUNDS THAT
ENVOY WALTERS IS NO LONGER IN TOWN. (WALTERS LEFT
ROME AUGUST 14, AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE RETURN TO
ROME BEFORE AUGUST 23.) PLEASE ADVISE. HOLMES

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